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This Court has no jurisdiction except wha properly belongs to a Court of Appeals. Its sassions are helden on the first Mondays of Jan and July at Jackson. Chancellor of the State ... Robert II. Buckner, Clerk ... R. L. Dixon,

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MISCELLANEOUS.

A Night in the Royal George. A CONFESSION OF THE DEEP.

The circumstances I am about to relate will do little to raise me in the opinion of the reader, into whose hands these papers may happen to fall. Awful and harrowing as were the events o' that dreadful night, I can lay but small claim to mental boldness, in having met them as I did. Avarice-sordid, calculating avarice-drove me to the attempt and I well deserved the total miscar riage of all my plans which succeeded.

Four years back I was a clerk in one of the most respectable and influential houses in Portsmouth, receiving an excellent salary, and, upon the whole most comfortably settled-far more so than the majority of the young men of my own station in the town; and yet I was not happy-far, far from it. I grumbled at the regularity of attention which my situation required; I deemed my labor ill paid; and I envied every one I met, whose let in life appeared better cast than my own; little reflecting how many secret miseries poison the existence of these who appear, in public, most smiled upon by the fortunate.

The loss of the Royal George was a favorite topic of conversation with the people of Portsmouth, even when half a century had clapsed since the occurrence. and, indeed, the interest connected with the subject was constuntly kept alive by the numerous projects and suggestions for raising the sunken vessel, or destroying the wreck, that needy speculators were perpetually starting. To myself, I will confess, the whole affair was one of deep and constant thought. I had heard the various accounts of the accident: of the heavy bags of gold that were on board at the time to pay the seamen; of the watches, jewels, and other valuable articles, that the tradespeople had sent for sale; and all this was still there-there, within the cumbersome and sea-worn timbers of the illfated ship, lying as useless at the bottom of the sea, and as comparatively worthless, as the rocks themselves.

Many, many ovenings have I sat upon the shore, lulled into contemplation by the low ripple of the tide, when the last red gleam of the sun, ere he sunk behind the Isle of Wight, illumined the spot where that majestic vessel went down; and wished I had power to roam over her sea-bound hoards for one short hour, and appropriate to myself all I could collect from her stores of value in that time. Many times have I longed for the power of these beings in the Arabian Nights, who could live under water; and thought with what selfish and unseen joy, I could then revel amidst the gold and treasure that the hulk contained!

It was somewhere about this period that a man came to Portsmouth, with permission from the Admiralty to carry on' some experiments connected with the creature living in the town at the time, possibility of conducting different submarine operations, independent of the diving-boll. This incident changed the entire current of my thoughts. I watched his experiments with an intensity of interest; that, I am fain to believe, exceeded that of the person himself. I saw him descend in his dress, from a small vessel, to the wreck of the Royal George; -I noted the length of time he was enabled to remain under waters-I watched his return with divers small articles-as oyster-shells, nails, &c., which he had picked from the wreck; and from that period I contemplated but one subject; -it was the idea of going down myself! It cost me many sleepless nights to bring my schemes to perfection; nor was the working out of my plans confined to night alone; I thought of it always. I neglected my business; I received endless reprimands from my employers for orders forgotten, and commissions uncared for; and, at last I him for an evening in the next week, I was discharged for my undeviating for-

As soon as I was turned away, I hired a small room in - street, and The intervening days lagged slowly fresh Shoes and Boots, consisting of commenced my operations. The first by, and the eventful night at last arri-Ladies' Kid Slippers, Shoes, Walking thing I did was to purchase a quantity of Ties, and Brogans; Gents. Calf, Seal & McIntosh's water-proof cloth, with which I intended to form my diving dress .-I contriued to cut out a very fair set of patterns, and these I got a journeyman tailor, who lodged in the house, to sew together; after which I daubed the seams with India rubber dissolved in ed to the point, for the purpose of pro-

chemist's; and then, before it was dry, I pressed strips of the fabric on them with a hot iron, by which I made the whole garment perfectly impeameable. My next task was to make the headpiece. To effect this, I procured some stout iron wire, and bent it into a sort of frame, of the shape I had seen the liver wear. I secured these different pieces together by twisting finer wire round them; and then covered the whole with the same water proof cloth which I had used for the rest, fitting some pieces of glass carefully in front to enable me to perceive objects around me. - I fastened some roughly-shaped gloves and boots to the arms and legs of the dress, and fixed them in a similar manner to the seams; and when I had entirely completed the whole apparel, I put it on, and walked in it about my room the whole evening, delighted, beyond meassomething considerable, with all my economy it is true; but I looked upon it as the means of leading me to immense ed in a highly profitable scheme.

transmission of a supply of air to the interior of the hood, as I termed it, adequate to the support of respiration unof air-pump, by adding some valves and ry other feeling from my mind. stop-cocks to an old garden-syringe, which I purchased at a broker's near my lodgings; and this I connected to the in the same manner as the seams of my head-piece by another pipe, having observed that there was, generally, a superfluity of air from the bubbles I had seen rising over the diver's head, which marked his situation in the water.

care about; but that was the most diffibut that I believe I could have got many to join me in my fool-hardy enterprise; but they would have expected an equal not my intention to allow. Still I could not do without a companion to mind the boat above, and, more especially to supthe operations of an animal, soon made me give up the scheme I had formed of constructing some rough machinery, to be turned by a smaller wheel, which, acting upoh a parallel motion, or rack and pinion, might work the pump. At last, chance threw the required assistance in my way. There was a poor named, or rather called Harry Weston, whom I selected for my companion.-He was not exactly in his right senses, nor was he completely an idiot; but at that nice balance between the two which kept him from being the sport of the street boys, whilst it gained the pity, or sympathy of the charitable people in the neighborhood. He got his living by carrying out parcels from the coach-of. fices to their final destination, or by running on errands, and performing divers odd jobs for the inhabitants; and he generally bore a good character for sobriety and honesty. It was this harmless individual that I fixed upon as my associate. I brought him to my lodings, and bound him down by the most horriand promises of large reward, to serve me as I should direct, without ever uttering a syllable to mortal of my schemes; and then making an appointment with

ved. As soon as it was dusk, with the assistance of Weston, I carried my apparatus piecemeal, down to the beach on Southsea common, and then concealed them in one of the bathing-machines which are always stationed there: leaving him to watch them whilst I repair-

gave him a trifling sum as an earnest

never lived to receive it.

naptha, some of which I obtained at the curing the boat I had bespoken a few days before. She was an old man-ofwar's gig, with gunwales rather higher than ordinary, and low thwarts, which gave her a security better calculated for our operations. I pulled round to the beach, near the common, and took Weston and my contrivances on board, and then we started again for the scene of my venture. There was, very little wind, and the sea was as calm as glass; which circumstances were of course in our favor. When we got to the buoy which marks the situation of the Royal George, we fastened the boat to it, and I commenced arraying myself in my diving county. This finished, with the exception of the htad-piece, I threw overboard a rope ladder, having two small grapuels attached to its inferior extremities; and when I had ascertained that these had laid hold of some portion of the wreck, I made fast the upper ends ure, at my contrivance. It cost me to one of the seats of the boat. I next sounded the depth with a lead line, and arranged my water-proof pipes accordingly, by means of some taps I had purwealth, and I deemed the money invest- chased at a gas-fitters; allowing an extra length or two for my movements .-My next object was to provide for the In about half an hour from our first fixing the gig to the buoy, I had made all close and ready, and prepared to descend. I felt no timipity-the bare reder water. Aided by the smattering of collection of the wealth reported to be mechanical knowledge which I possess- engulphed with the vessel, which I ed, I was not long in fashioning a sort might, perhaps, accumulate, drove eve-

With a last injunction for unremitting

work and attention, on the part of Wes-

ton, I stepped on to the top of the ladhood by long pipes of the cloth, closed der, and commenced my task. What and finally close over my head, whilst rections. my respiration centinued free and unembarrassed. There was one unpleasant sensation, but this was not of sufficient conseduence to annoy me. And now only one point remained to every stroke of the pump above, that roded naval implements lying aboutforced a fresh quantity of air down the cult—it was to seek a confederate. Not pire, I experienced a feeling of tense examined every heap that rose shove ed through the cabin window, and atpain on the drums of my ears, of which the general level of the floor, with the I had heard the men in the diving-bells | most diligent investigation, but without sometimes complain; but this I in great share of the proceeds, and this it was measure alleviated, by making frequent attempts at deglution. My lantern, also preserved the flame within it admirably; equally valueless to myself; but, more and its trifling consumption of air ten- generally, similar objects to the aboveply me with air. I had, at one time, ded, in a measure to relieve the pres- mentioned fragments of mortality shockformed a wild scheme of borrowing a sure in the head-piece. I descended ed me with their presence. At the side goat from an old man at the edge of the gradually and carefully, step by step, of the cabin was a small closet, having common, who had trained it to run round and at last to my great joy, stood on a a glass door-and towards this I bent in a wheel, and assist in making string; portion of the wreck. I found that the my way, thinking it might be the rebut the insanity of trusting my life to grapuels had caught on a large spar that pository of some precious articles. But lay completely across the ship, kept how was I horrified on approaching it! firmly in its place by a gun, which had On directing my light through its still probably rolled over it when the accident occurred. With some little caution I crawled along it; and at length stood upon the deck. And here, for the first time, I became aware of the singular assistance of my light. Every thing around me was plainly discernible, when the rays, cast through a large bull's eye, were directed towards the object, only appearing as if a dull greenish mist encircled it. I well remember the stems of the masts, with their coating of barnacles the masses of shellwork and weeds that incrusted the guns, still outwardly preserving their shape -the very bulwarks, with their rings of green and cankered metal attached; and the blackened pieces of timber that were grouped around me, from which myriads of sarange polypi threw out their long streaming arms in quest of expression of hideous merriment. prey. The deck was nearly a foot deep in sand, and, as I had supposed, not level; but stillethe declivity to larboard was not too steep to preclude my keepble oaths I could invent to frighten him, ing a firm footing. An immense quantity of corroded blocks, tackle, &c., was lying about in confusion, enveloped by perfect groves of tall seaweed; and these floated about like monstrous snakes twisting and undulating in all directions.

I cleared away a few trifling impediments with a light boat hook, which I of my future bounty. Poor wretch! he carried in my hand; and moved cautiously forward in the direction where I expected to find the entrance to the chief cabin. I was not long in reach ing it, but experienced some little difficulty in descending the stairs that led to it, as the passage was partly choked up with sand and debris from the wreck .-At the third step I dislodged some large perceived a number of fish, such as sand | hand to seize them. In the hurry and | to the farmer.

eels and small crabs, that had been dis- anxiety of the moment, I threw my lanturbed from it; and, directly afterwards, tern out of the perpendicular -- the waupon kicking it with my foot, I was hor- ter within it immediately washed over rified at perceiving a human shull, to the light, and it was extinguished. which some scraps of colorless flesh and ligaments were still adhering, roll down minutes passed. The sensations of years the ladder, towards the door. My first approaching death, were condensed in reflecting that all I had staiven for was that I observed a gleam of light where

with groups of barnacles. The floor the bottom of the sea! was a foot deep in sand-and on its surdiscovered on examination, to be also treading upon one -- and each that I thus

Still, I came to no treasure;-I had fallen in with none of the bags of gold, which I heard were on board at the time of the accident. There were many corbut these were not what I wanted. I reward. Sometimes I exposed the tattered remnant of an article of clothing, a seaman's hat, a telescope, or something unbroken pangs, I saw a dreadful corpse that gibbered and grinned directly in my face-it was the body of some poor creature, who had perhaps been forced in there at the first, rush of the water, and the door closing upon him, had kept out the sand and marine insects, that everywhere else abounded. The seawater had acted as a preservative, and the body still retained the perfect semblance of a human form; but the face was blanched and coddled-one of the eyes had dissolved, and the other was opaque, and apparently congealed; while the relaxed ligaments allowed the lower jaw to fall and rise with every vibration of the sea, in the mockery of a dreadful grin. The hair, too, floated in the water, giving a semblance of motion to the whole features, which wore an Faint with terror and disgust, I turn

ed from the loathsome object, and moved slowly and laboriously away. I approached the table of the cabin; a halfopened drawer was at its extremity, and when I had cleared away the envelope of sand, I discovered it was nearly filled with bags of coin. All, then, was accomplished; the long-coveted treasure lay in greater part, beneath my grasp! I raised my lantern eagerly to inspect the contents, when, to my extreme terror, I perceived that there was water in it half way up to the bull's eye, and the light not half an inch above the surface. The dreadful anticipation of inevitable darkness now burst upon me, and a moment of intense fear, amounting almost to stupe faction, succeeded. I began hastily to collect the small canvass bags, and stow them in my girdle; but three mass from its position. By my light I remained, and I stretched forth my

I know not how the subsequent five the inclined plane of sand that covered of terror, agony, and the expectations of impulse was to return immediately; but that period. My first recollection was, probably within my reach, my thirst for the windows of the cabin were situated; gain once more conquered every other but it was of the faintest kind. I afterwards ascertained that it was a moon-With some trouble I made my way light night, and the beams had penetrainto the cabin. The doors were open ted thus far into the sea-but this was -they had probably been so at the no guide for me. I was totally uncontime of the catasrophe, and the subse- scious by what direction I had entered quent accumulation of sand and mud the cabin; and I did not dare to move had kept them so. I drew the air pipe unless towards these win lows. Then I down towards me, and found I had still thought that Weston would tire at his length enough to spare for my opera- work-that his strength would not altions; at the same time I was convinced low him to keep pumping so long, whatthat my assistant was alligently sup- ever his will might be, and I should plying me with the means of respira- miserably perish. Anon, the thought tion. I was now in the centre of the came that I was alone-alone, amidst a cabin, and an awful scene presented it- crowd of dead bodies and hideous maself. Every portion of the wood-work, rine monsters-alone with that gibber. at least as nearly as I could determine ing and awful corpse, whose face peerby approaching my lantern closely to it, ed at me through the darkness, in my was black from the action of the sea; imagination, and pressed his clammy, and, like the masts above, incrusted soddened cheek against me-alone, at

I gained one of the windows; it was face lay more ollong heaps, which I open, or rather, the frames had been carried away by the constant action of human bodies, round whose half-devour- the waves. I thought I would climb ed remains shreds of clothing still float- through it, and so ascend, for I was an ed. I could not move a step without excellent swimmer. But then the airpipe kept me back; and it was even now disturbed fell to pices immediately, sur- becoming tight, as I reached the extent rounding me with a cloud of its sicken- of its length. A new idea arose, bringwas my delight on finding that my ing particles, and numbers of huge shell ing fresh hope with it, and I wondered I dress. I likewise procured a lantern, schemes answered, as I saw through fish, who were enjoying their unholy had not thought of it before:-- I could which I rendered water-proof by simi- the glass in my hood, the green water meal therefrom, and who crawled off follow the pipe as a clue, and return by lar means; and then I joined it to the ascend higher than the level of my face, with their long spidery legs, in all di- following its course. I left the window and prepared to make the attempt, when I felt a violent tug, that nearly pulled the head piece from the rest of my dress. Another, and another succeeded, and then in an instant, I leit the tense air pipe give way-it had broken!

But one resource was left: I clamber-

tempted to rise, but the pipe had caught come projection, and restrained me, and I already perceived that the supply of air was stopped. I seized a knife from my girdle, and cut the tube off close to my head. The water rushed into the hood as I performed this action, but I was enabled to rise directly, as the sea roared and bubbled in my ears, with the noise of thunder. I struck upwards, still keeping my knife in my hand; and in half a minute I had reached the surface. To rip up my hood and cast it from me was the work of an instant.-As I regained my vision, I perceived by the moonlight, that my toat was gone, but the buoy was still floating at its usual spet. Swimming towards it, I was enabled to recover myself, and take brech as I rested, hanging on to its ring. From the appearance of the distant vessels, near the beach, which were riding at anchor, I saw it was high-water, and another fearful truth burst upon me. The rope-ladder, which the grapnels held fast to the wreck, had drawn the boat under as the tide rose, and with it, my hapless assistant!

I felt at my girdle for the bags of gold; they were all gone, through the hasty manner in which I had secured them, and my struggles in coming to the surface. I tore my dress from me in raving passion, and cast it to the waves. In my under clothes, which consisted of nothing but a common check-shirt and a pair of coarse Holland trowsers, I swam to land; and, on reaching the stony beach, I sank on it in a swoon, overcome by my intense exertions.

I was found there the next morning, and carried to my lodgings. A long illness succeeded-I kept my bed for three months, and arose a maniac. I was told I talked about the wreck, and its fearful contents, during my fever; but I found my attendants looked upon it merely as the raving of delirium. As time passed I recovered my reason, but the remembrance of the circumstances connected with my rash venture must embitter my life until its close.

Why is a bag of meal like the earth? Give it up? Because it's ground.

Why is hope like a piece of decayed cheese? Because thousands live in it.

"Extracting corns," as the crow said

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